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SUBJECT: THE ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIAN
PARLIAMENTARIAN UNION

1. THE ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN UNION (APU) WAS HELD IN TAIPEI OCTOBER 6-8. PARTICIPATING DELEGATES CAME FROM THE ROC, JAPAN, AND THE ROK. IN ADDITION, LAOS, INDONESIA, INDIA, AND FIJI SENT OBSERVERS. ALTHOUGH THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES WERE ALSO REPORTEDLY EXPECTED TO SEND DELEGATES, IN THE END THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

2. IN THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY ROC PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN URGED ALL ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCES TO "RISE
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AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY." HE SAID "WE ARE CONVINCED

THAT THE ERADICATION OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT IN ASIA IS THE COMMON RESPONSIBILITY OF ASIANS AND THAT THE SECURITY AND PEACE OF ASIA CAN BE ASSURED BY THE COMMON STRUGGLE OF ASIANS."

3. KU CHENG-KANG, IN HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY, NOTED THAT "NORTHEAST ASIA IS IN A POSITION TO GRIP THE THROAT OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION, WHILE THE TAIWAN STRAIT SERVES AS A SHIELD FOR WESTERN PACIFIC SECURITY. FOR THIS REASON WE CORDIALLY REQUEST THAT THE US IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROK, THE ROC, AND JAPAN SEE TO IT THAT THE COMMON DEFENSE OF THE AREA IS ENHANCED AND THAT THE SACRED MISSION TO KEEP THE AREA FREE AND SECURE IS ABLY UNDERTAKEN."

4. DURING THE ASSMBLY THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PASSED A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE ROC DELEGATION CALLING UPON THE US TO FORMULATE A NEW ASIAN POLICY SO AS TO SAFEGUARD PEACE AND FREEDOM IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC AREA. THE RESOLUTION ALSO URGED THE US TO STRENGTHEN ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS ALLIES IN ASIA AND URGED PRESIDENT FORT TO VISIT MEMBER NATIONS OF THE APU AS A CONCRETE MEANS TO STRENGTHEN US RELATIONS WITH THE FREE NATIONS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

5. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING, A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED WHICH SUMMARIZED THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS AND NOTED INTER ALIA THE FOLLOWING: THE ASSEMBLY (A) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSOLIDATING APU MEMBER COUNTRIES UNDER THE SPIRIT OF THE APU CHARTER; (B) URGED ALL FREE ASIAN NATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS AND TO MAKE CONCERNED EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST COMMUNIST SUBVERSION AND INFILTRATION; (C) EXPRESSED ITS SORROW AT THE "DEATH" OF APU MEMBERS AS A RESULT OF THE INDOCHINA WAR; (D) RECOMMENDED THAT ALL FREE ASIAN NATIONS DEVELOP ECONOMIC RESOURCES, PROMOTE INVESTMENT AND THE EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND ATTAIN EVENTUALLY THE GOAL OF AN ASIAN COMMON MARKET; (E) URGED MEMBERS TO HOST MEETINGS OF SCHOLARS TO PROMOTE APU AIMS; AND (F) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECIDED TO HOLD ITS TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN TOKYO TENTATIVELY IN SEPTEMBER 1976.

6. COMMENT: THE GROC UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOMED THE APU GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- WHICH WAS WIDELY COVERED IN THE PRESS -- BOTH AS A CONVENIENT FORUM TO EXPRESS ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS AND AS AN INDICATION TO THE LOCAL POPULACE THAT THE ROC IS NOT ISOLATED IN ASIA. UNGER

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